

# HOUSE BILL 607

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Information – Sign**  
3 **Posting Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the business owner of a privately owned bus station or  
5 truck stop located in the State to post in restrooms in a certain manner a  
6 certain sign that provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline  
7 information; requiring a certain agency that determines a certain violation has  
8 occurred to provide a certain notice to the business owner of a bus station or  
9 truck stop or the business owner’s agent; subjecting a business owner of a bus  
10 station or truck stop that violates the sign posting requirement to a certain civil  
11 penalty if certain signs are not posted within a certain period of time after the  
12 business owner receives a certain notice; specifying that, for each restroom in  
13 which the business owner fails to post a sign in accordance with this Act, the  
14 business owner is subject to a separate civil penalty; requiring the State  
15 Highway Administration to post in a certain manner a certain sign that  
16 provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information in  
17 the restrooms at rest areas within the right-of-way of any interstate or State  
18 highway; defining a certain term; and generally relating to sign posting  
19 requirements for National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline  
20 information.

21 BY adding to  
22 Article – Business Regulation  
23 Section 19–103  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

26 BY adding to

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Transportation  
2 Section 8–655  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
6 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – Business Regulation**

8 **19–103.**

9 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “TRUCK STOP” MEANS A FACILITY:

10 (1) THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES  
11 TO LONG–HAUL TRUCK DRIVERS; AND

12 (2) THAT PROVIDES:

13 (I) SHOWER FACILITIES TO THE TRUCK DRIVERS FOR A  
14 FEE; OR

15 (II) PARKING FOR THE TRUCK DRIVERS’ VEHICLES.

16 (B) (1) THE OWNER OF A PRIVATELY OWNED BUS STATION OR TRUCK  
17 STOP SHALL POST THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER  
18 HOTLINE INFORMATION SIGN DESCRIBED IN § 15–207 OF THIS ARTICLE IN  
19 EACH RESTROOM OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP.

20 (2) A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED:

21 (I) ON THE INSIDE OF EACH STALL DOOR IN THE  
22 RESTROOM; OR

23 (II) ON THE BACK OF THE DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE  
24 RESTROOM.

25 (C) (1) AN AGENCY THAT ENFORCES THIS SECTION AND DETERMINES  
26 THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED SHALL NOTIFY THE  
27 BUSINESS OWNER OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP, OR THE BUSINESS  
28 OWNER’S AGENT, OF THE VIOLATION.

29 (2) IF THE BUSINESS OWNER OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK  
30 STOP DOES NOT POST SIGNS AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN 24  
31 HOURS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF

1 THIS SUBSECTION, THE BUSINESS OWNER IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT  
2 EXCEEDING \$1,000.

3 (3) FOR EACH RESTROOM IN WHICH A BUSINESS OWNER FAILS TO  
4 POST A SIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE BUSINESS OWNER IS  
5 SUBJECT TO A SEPARATE CIVIL PENALTY.

6 Article – Transportation

7 8–655.

8 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL POST THE NATIONAL HUMAN  
9 TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE INFORMATION SIGN DESCRIBED IN  
10 § 15–207 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE IN EACH RESTROOM AT A  
11 REST AREA WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AN INTERSTATE OR STATE  
12 HIGHWAY.

13 (B) A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED:

14 (1) ON THE INSIDE OF EACH STALL DOOR IN THE RESTROOM; OR

15 (2) ON THE BACK OF THE DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE  
16 RESTROOM.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2012.